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To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Esq*;

Amor odit inertes. OVID.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

YOU have so many *desperate Cases* communicated to you, by both Sexes, and such a gentle Manner of treating all your *Patients*, that a Man who piques himself ever so much upon his *Bravery* need not be asham'd to tell you he is *in Love*: And that *single Declaration*, if I am not mistaken, will be a sufficient Excuse for any other *Weakness* he may afterwards confess.

Know then, Sir, that for more than five *Years* past I have been the sincere humble Servant of Mrs. *Sarah Steadfast*, and have no Reason to think she has any Dislike either to my *Person* or *Fortune*. Her *Idea* dwells for ever in my *Breast*, and almost excludes every other Thought: I, as much as possible, dwell in her *Company*, and sacrifice to it every other *Enjoyment* or *Advantage*: We seem, on both Sides, entirely satisfy'd in a mutual confirm'd *Friendship*, and even seek Occasions of shewing it reciprocally in the most *obliging Manner*. I cannot speak of her, when absent, without an *Encomium*; nor do I hear that she ever mentions my Name but with *Respect*:——And yet, with all this *Confidence* and *Opportunity*, I cannot urge to her *one Question*, on the Success of which alone depends the Completion of my *temporal Happiness*: *Friendship* restrains me when I would speak of *Love*, and the having been long very *intimate* prevents my pursuing a more *close Intimacy*.

There is something in this Case so very *paradoxical*, that by one less acquainted than you with the *Human Heart* I could hardly expect to have it believ'd: But when I inform you that we are neither of us *very young*; that she is the *first* and *sole* I ever thought of for a *Wife*, and that from Infancy there was between us a *Family Acquaintance*, which *Love* only could improve; I fancy you may reconcile what I relate with the Character of an *unpractis'd Batchelor*.

I would not have you think, Sir, by what I say, that I have never put the Question to her at all. Three Years ago last *Christmas* I ventur'd to bring it out one Evening, and I think have repeated it *four* several Times since, when I came into her Company *chearful* from the Tavern: But when she once says No, the Business is all over for that Opportunity, and it is long before I can work up my *Courage* to make a fresh Effort. The Dread of a *Denial* makes me afraid to come in the Way of it, and the Word No shoots through my Soul whenever my *Lips* are going to *open*.

I have consulted about this Matter with a married Friend, whose Courtship was remarkable for many and great *Difficulties*, both from the *Lady* herself and her *Parents*, which he surmounted with most *heroick Resolution*. He tells me, that when Mrs. *Sarah* says *No*, I should immediately rejoin, with a warm Embrace, *But, Madam, you shall*; and peremptorily fix the Day without farther Ceremony. The last Time I took his Advice, as to the *Form of Words* and the *Kiss*; but without half that *Energy* and *Spirit* with which he gave me the Lesson.——In short, my *Positiveness* was all so very *faint*, that a very *faint Refusal* entirely destroy'd it. I could observe, indeed, she was *pensive* afterwards, and seem'd as little pleas'd with *my Cowardice*, as I with what I call'd *her Cruelty*; yet, for the Soul of me, I could not renew the *Attack* at that Time; nor have I been able to make a *fresh one* since, tho' it is now two Months ago, and I have been every Day in her Company.

But, what is worse than all the rest, and drives me almost to *Distraction*, tho' our *Friendship* continues with the same Warmth as ever, I believe *Sally* despairs of my ever insisting enough on a *Compliance* with my *Love*, to make her grant it with that *seeming Reluctance*, which she thinks should be inseparable from her *Sex*. In that Opinion she appears not averse to the *Addresses* of *Will Forward*, who had before long sued in vain for a *single Audience*, and I have twice had the Mortification to find him with her at my *Coming*.——Dear Mr. *Stonecastle*, what must I do? I perceive there is no more Time to be lost, and therefore will certainly follow your *Advice*, if the *Task* you impose on me be not too *hard*.

I am, Sir,
Your impatient humble Servant,
THOMAS TENDER.

P. S. *Sally* always reads *your Paper*; and I have some Hopes, when she sees this, that she may take the *Hint*, and drop her *Negative* next Time at the *second Asking*: For I am much afraid my *Courage* will not support me to a *Third*.

From my own APARTMENT.

AS I would not suspect Mr. *Tender*'s Design to be any other than strictly honourable, or that he conceals some *lawless Passion* under Terms that bespeak the contrary, (an *Artifice* I have sometimes known made Use of in the stating of *Cases*) I must tell him that I think him greatly blameable for his *false Modesty* and *Irresolution*. That *Sally loves him* is, I think, *undeniable* from the Symptoms he has mention'd; and it is his Duty, if he so sincerely loves her as he pretends, to prevent her from any longer doubting his Readiness to protect and encourage her *Virgin Honour* and *Privilege*.

It is an Observation of *Bussi de Rabutin*, that 'a 'Woman demands *Respect* only from the Man for 'whom she has no Inclination: For if he that she 'loves shews her too much, it puts her under great 'Difficulties.' There is more real Tenderness in *overcoming* than in *indulging* that Backwardness to confess her *Desire*; and I have now before me a Letter, shewn me by Way of *Reproach* for my own former Conduct, that I believe may be pretty expressive of the Sentiments of the *Sex* on such Occasions.

DEAR SISTER,

I Am still in the same *Uncertainty* as when I last saw you. Mr. *Artful* continues to visit me, and I am quite weary of both; *cruel*, if he would but give me a fair Opportunity of being *kind*: But we have every Night the same Round of *Protestations* on his Side, utter'd with a *Submission* and Fear of *offending* that is in reality very *offensive*. I have all the Inclinations for him that he could *wish*, and that you are very sensible he *deserves*: But I must either tell him so *in direct Words*, or I am afraid he will never *perceive it*, tho' every one else *sees* it plainly. It makes me mad to be every Day congratulated upon my approaching *Marriage*, and call'd in Pleasantry by the *Name* of a Man who has never properly let me know I shall *bear it*: And yet I think it *must* be so; because no other was ever to me so engaging. If my Brother and you would come down into the *Country*, I fancy you might, between you, set us all right; *you*, by advising me how far I may *safely* and *becomingly* advance; and *he*, by questioning Mr. *Merit* on such Particulars, relating to our future *Settlement*, as might quicken his *Resolution*, remove his *Apprehensions*, and fully convince him that his *Addresses* are taken in earnest by my *Friends*. Let me hear from you by the next *Post*, and see you as soon as possible; for my present State is very *uneasy*.

I am, &c.

SUSANNAH READY.

I would have my Friend *Thomas* consider this Letter, and reflect whether Mrs. *Sally*'s Case is not much the same as Mrs. *Susan*'s. If so, I would advise him directly to alter his Conduct, before *Will. Forward* gets too much Interest: For otherwise, *Disappointment* may do that in *Will*'s Favour which I am satisfy'd present *Inclination* will not, and render two Persons ever after unhappy, whose *Happiness* now depends on a little *Prudence* and *Resolution* only.

As to the Encouragement she seems to shew this Rival, I take it hitherto to be no more than a very *laudable Stratagem*, in order to bring Mr. *Tender* to a more *explicit Declaration*, and more confident Manner of *demanding* the same from her: But I would not have him too long *depend* on this for the Reason here given, and for what I have many Years observ'd with Concern of my Friend *John Constant*, now emphatically call'd the *Old Batchelor*.

John, for near seven Years together, was much in the *same State* that Mr. *Tender* has describ'd, and, by what I can gather, much of that Gentleman's *Temper*: He constantly paid his *Devoirs* to his Cousin *Harriet*, of the same Family Name, and had all possible Countenance from the young Lady's *Parents*. But the Father dying just as he was resolv'd to come to an *Explanation* with our bashful Gentleman, whom he thought very *tedious* in an Affair where the Consent of no Party was wanting, *John* could never after speak to the *Purpose* in his own Cause, but gave Way to a *new Lover*, upon the *false Suspicion* that he was more to Miss *Harriet*'s Liking. This *Cowardice* produced an Effect which neither *Harriet*'s *Inclination*, nor the Rival's Merit could have done, and bereav'd him of all the Fruit of his *long and faithful Assiduity*.

The two Cousins see one another ever since (for *John* cannot forbear his usual Visits, though it be now near twenty Years that *Harriet* has been married) with a sort of *painful Pleasure*; and the Husband, who is secure from Jealousy in his own good Sense, and the *Virtue* of them both, is often entertain'd with the *Reproaches* of *Cruelty* from *Him*, and *Sheepishness* from *Her*. Though *Harriet* makes an excellent Wife, it cannot be said that either of them is *perfectly Happy*, nor be thought that *John* is so in any *tolerable Measure*: All his *Consolation* is in a fix'd Resolution never to have any thing more to say to the *Sex*, unless he should live to see *Harriet* a *Widow*, which, according to Appearance, is very unlikely. Let Mr. *Tender* consider whether he could comfort himself in the same Manner, and determine how to behave in his present *critical Situation*.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Conſtantinople, Sept. 4. The Ottoman Troops are filing off from all Parts, and with the utmoſt Diligence towards Aſia. A numerous Army is already form'd in Natolia, and we hear that the Perſian Lord, whom we lately mention'd, has been proclaim'd there, at the Head of the Troops, Sophi of Perſia, as the neareſt Relation, and lawful Heir to the old Sophi, Schah Abas. This Step will make the two Nations irreconcileable, and the Conſequence of it can be nothing leſs than a long and bloody War, inaſmuch as the Porte has alſo declar'd, that ſhe never will acknowledge Thamas Kouli Kan in Quality of Sophi of Perſia. 'Tis pretended that the Grand Signor did not take this Reſolution until he receiv'd Advice that Schah Nadir had rejected all the Propoſals for an Accommodation made to him by his Highneſs, and that he inſiſts upon the Reſtitution of all the Provinces conquer'd from Perſia ſince the Death of Schah Abas the Great.

Peterſbourg, Oct. 1. The private Advices we have receiv'd by the Way of Derbent, concerning the Hoſtilities begun between Perſia and the Porte, ſay, that Schah Nadir having been inform'd towards the End of laſt June, by his Embaſſadors who were then juſt return'd from Conſtantinople, that the Sultan was not in a Humour to give him Satisfaction as to his Pretenſions on the Provinces conquer'd from Perſia by the Turks ſince the Death of Schah Abbas the Great, but on the contrary was reſolv'd to keep Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Provinces by open Force; he order'd his Army, which conſiſted of 200,000 Combatants, to advance towards Bagdad, after blocking up the City of Erzerum, to the End that it may be at Hand to cut off the Succours which the Turks expect from Egypt, which may be eaſily done when Bagdad is taken. The Perſian Envoy at this Court has receiv'd Orders to impart this News to the Empreſs, and aſſure her Imperial Majeſty that Schah Nadir will neglect nothing that may preſerve the good Underſtanding which actually ſubſiſts between the two Empires.

Vienna, Oct. 12. We have receiv'd Letters from Conſtantinople, dated the 18th of laſt Month, which ſay that the Plague makes great Havock there, eſpecially in the Quarter of the Franks; ſo that all the Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Diſtinction, are gone into the Country. The Porte had juſt receiv'd ſome Couriers from the Frontiers of Perſia, whoſe Diſpatches occaſion'd long Debates in the Divan. Achmet Baſhaw, who was Grand Vizir eighteen Months ago, was appointed Seraikier in Chief, or Generaliſſimo of the Ottoman Forces in that Divan; and Orders have been ſent to him at Rhodes, whither he was baniſh'd, to repair forthwith to Aſia. The Perſian Prince will be eſcorted thither forthwith by a large Body of Troops. It is thought that what has hinder'd the preſent Grand Vizir from commanding the Army is, that he inſiſted upon taking Mahomet's Standard along with him, which is not approv'd of by the Divan; beſides, his Preſence may contribute not a little to preſerve Tranquility in the Metropolis.

Peterſbourg, Sept. 30. A Courier is arriv'd here from Vienna, with a Letter from the Queen of Hungary to the Empreſs concerning the late Plot, and the Hand which the Marqueſs is accus'd of having had in it, the Subſtance of which Letter is as follows:

'We ſent to the Marqueſs de Botta, our late Miniſter at the Imperial Court of Ruſſia, Inſtructions, 'dated the 4th of July laſt, whereby we charg'd 'him to make Inſtances for obtaining the Enlargement of Prince Anthony Ulrick of Brunſwick-Wolffembuttle, and the Princeſs Anne his Conſort, 'as well as their Children, that it might pleaſe your 'Imperial Majeſty to conſent to their being let out 'of Fort Dunamunde. Our principal Motive there-'to was the Affinity between them and the Empreſs 'our Mother. We writ to him (the Marqueſs) at 'the ſame Time, that if he ſaw no likelihood of 'ſucceeding in his Solicitations, he ſhould drop 'them entirely, and buſy himſelf with nothing but 'the taking care of the Intereſts of our Court, in 'ſuch Manner as becomes a faithful Miniſter. We 'hear, with real Sorrow, by the Repreſentations of 'your Imperial Majeſty, the Complaints you make 'to us concerning the Conduct of that Miniſter. We 'entreat you to be thoroughly perſuaded of the Diſ-'poſition we are in to give you as full Satisfaction 'as the Nature of the Affair can require. So that 'your Imperial Majeſty may be aſſur'd, that if the 'Marqueſs de Botta, being found guilty of ſuch cri-'minal Behaviour, ſhall receive from us the Puniſh-'ment it deſerves. In the mean Time we hope that 'this Affair will not be capable of making any Al-'teration, or weakening the Friendſhip and good 'Underſtanding which your Imperial Majeſty keeps 'up with us and our Allies, and which we are ex-'tremely deſirous to cultivate more and more, &c.'

The Empreſs, in publiſhing the Manifeſto of the 10th of September, had no Intention to confine to that ſingle Act all that relates to the Diſcovery of the Plot in queſtion: Her Imperial Majeſty has caus'd all the Circumſtances, that ſerve to prove it, to be collected; ſince which a Memorial of the Whole has been drawn up, in order to be laid before all the Powers of Europe. This Piece, which is actually in the Preſs, contains about 150 Sheets. It fully lays open all the Subtilties of the Marqueſs de Botta in feeling the Pulſe of the Perſons concern'd; the Means he us'd to ſtrengthen the Party he had form'd; the underhand Methods he employ'd in order to make the Plot ſucceed different Ways; the Speeches and Conferences held on this Subject; the Stratagems which he kept in reſerve in caſe the firſt prov'd abortive; the Manner in which he manag'd, in order to get himſelf recall'd, and ſo put his Perſon in Safety after he had prepar'd every Thing for the Succeſs of the Affair during his Abſence; the chief Thing aim'd at in theſe Intrigues, and the fatal Conſequences that muſt naturally have follow'd them in prejudice of her Imperial Majeſty's Rights.

Vienna, Oct. 5. The Marriage of the Archdutcheſs Mary-Anne, the Queen's Siſter, with Prince Charles of Lorrain, is concluded, and the Articles of it are already drawn up: The Archdutcheſs is to keep this Title without taking that of Princeſs of Lorrain; the Children to be born of this Marriage will be Archdukes or Archdutcheſſes; the Princeſs will be declar'd Governeſs of the Auſtrian Netherlands; the Prince is to have the Adminiſtration of them, and will ſign all Acts and Diſpatches in the Name of the Archdutcheſs.

Mentz, Oct. 17. They write from Deux-Ponts, that Col. Mentzel is ſo ill of his broken Leg, that the Surgeons are of Opinion it muſt be cut off, as the only Means of ſaving his Life. The Huſſars, who act under his Command, are extremely affected with the Condition of their Colonel.

Franckfort, Oct. 20. The Emperor is again very ill of the Gout, and laid up. The Affair of the Mediation of the Empire, in order to reſtore a good Intelligence between the Houſes of Bavaria and Auſtria, is totally deſtroy'd; ſince the Queen of Hungary has declar'd, that ſhe cannot poſſibly accept of any ſuch Mediation, ſince it is utterly irreconcilable with the Reſolution of the Dyet of the Empire, of the 11th of January 1732, concerning the Indiviſibility of the Dominions of the Houſe of Auſtria, and the Guaranty of the Pragmatick Sanction; from which Guaranty ſhe was abſolutely reſolv'd never to depart. Which Declaration ſhe has likewiſe made to moſt of the Courts in Germany.

Stockholm, Oct. 11. Yeſterday an Expreſs arriv'd from General Keith, with Diſpatches importing, that his Excellency only waited for the King's Orders to land the Ruſſian Troops under his Command, and ſend them to ſuch Places as his Majeſty ſhould pleaſe to appoint, beſeeching him to ſend theſe Orders as ſoon as poſſible, &c.

Copenhagen, Oct. 15. The Prince Royal will ſet out To-morrow for Hanover. The Regiments which encamp'd in the Neighbourhood of this City have receiv'd Orders to return to their Quarters.

Hanover, Oct. 18. The King of Great Britain arriv'd here this Afternoon.

Hanover, Oct. 18. Letters from Brunſwick inform us of the Death of Baron Oſterman, who died there lately in a very advanced Age; being elder Brother to the famous Count Oſterman, formerly Chancellor and Prime Miniſter at the Court of Ruſſia, now an Exile in Siberia.

Dreſden, Oct. 14. It is reported that the King, in concert with other Princes and States of the Empire, has reſolv'd to keep on foot all his Troops, that he may be able to furniſh his Contingent, in caſe it be judg'd neceſſary to aſſemble an Army for the Safety of the Empire, &c.

Chamberry, Oct. 4. The Towns and Provinces upon the Frontiers of France, and particularly Grenoble, are forbid for the future to receive any Subjects of the King of Sardinia.

Hambourg, Oct. 18. A Report is juſt ſpread that the Difference between Sweden and Denmark is adjuſted in an amicable Manner.

Geneva, Oct. 18. We hear from Lyons and Brianſon, and it is confirm'd to us by Numbers of Deſerters from the Spaniſh and French Armies, that in the very Beginning of the Attack at Chateau-Dauphin on the 9th, 150 Spaniſh and 500 French Grenadiers were Kill'd, and that ſeveral Regiments that ſupported them ſuffer'd greatly, both from the ſmall Arms of the Garriſon, and a Battery of 24 great Guns, which lay conceal'd: That particularly the Regiments of Aſturias and Burgos were almoſt entirely defeated: That many Officers of the Spaniſh Army had been kill'd or wounded: That the Duke of Alva is miſſing; and that the Piedmonteſe had made a good many Priſoners. We expect by the next Poſt a more particular Account of that Action. The King of Sardinia was arriv'd ſome Days before, and ſaw the Engagement: He was pleas'd to commend the Diſpoſition made by the Officer who commanded in that Poſt, as well as the Bravery of the Troops under him. After this Diſappointment the Spaniards and French retir'd into the Valley of Chieras, where they are in want of every Thing but Snow, which lies three Feet deep. The Spaniards will ſhortly come to take their Winter-Quarters in Savoy.

Genoa, Sept. 30. The News from Corſica is extremely barren; but we are, however, aſſur'd that the Malecontents refuſe to come to any Agreement with the Republick 'till the Spaniſh War is over; from an Apprehenſion, that by that Time they ſhall change their Maſters.

Paris, Oct. 18. Prince Grimbergue, the Emperor's Embaſſador, receiv'd a Courier the other Day from Franckfort, and went immediately to Fontainbleau, where he had a Conference with M. Amelot about the Project form'd by ſome of the principal Members of the Germanick Body to aſſemble an Army for the Safety of the Empire. Baron Chambrier, Envoy from the King of Pruſſia, has alſo had a Conference on the ſame Subject with the King's Miniſters. His Majeſty has declared that he very much approves of this Project, as it is the moſt natural Method to provide for the Maintenance of the Dignity of the Head of the Empire. In the mean time no Preparations are making for the Departure of the Marqueſs de Stainville, the Great Duke of Tuſcany's Miniſter; nor do Meſſ. Thompſon and Gundel, the Britiſh and Auſtrian Reſidents, make any Preparations to return home. The laſt Poſt from Vienna brought a large Packet from M. Vincent, the King's Miniſter there: His Excellency writes, that as to what perſonally concerns him, he is ſtill treated with as much Regard as ever, and that he has experienced it on ſeveral Occaſions, eſpecially when he had any Requeſt to make in favour of the French Priſoners in Hungary. Two Couriers have been diſpatch'd to Peterſbourg this Week: The Marqueſs de la Chetardie, who returns thither in Quality of Embaſſador from the King, is charg'd to conclude an offenſive and defenſive Alliance with Ruſſia.

Mentz, Oct. 19. Yeſterday the Dutch Troops paſs'd the Rhine at Biberich, and the reſt of the Troops of the Confederate Army will do the ſame in a Day or two; after which the Bridge is to be carry'd down to Neuwred, where the whole Army is to paſs the Rhine again. The Duke of Cumberland ſet out for Hanover two Days after the King: The Command of the Britiſh Forces is left to General Honeywood.

Franckfort, Oct. 20. Prince Charles of Lorrain's Army began to ſeparate the 17th Inſtant. A Line is to be form'd along the Rhine by the Croats, Pandoures, Lycanians, Hanaques, and other irregular Troops: Part of them are to be canton'd, and the reſt will live under Ground.

Hague, Oct. 22. The Earl of Stair is to have his publick Audience of Leave forthwith of the States General, with the ſame Ceremonies that were obſerv'd at his firſt Audience; on which Occaſion his Excellency will make a Speech to their High Mighs

geſſes ſuitable to the preſent Situation of Affairs in Europe, and in a few Days after he is to embark for England.

From the Paris A-la-main, Oct. 23.

Prince Charles of Lorrain decamp'd from Briſach the 13th Inſtant with his Infantry, after having ſent his heavy Artillery to Fribourg He takes the Route of Heidelberg, in order to return to Bavaria, the Circles of Swabia and Franconia having refus'd Quarters for his Troops.

We are actually fortifying the Citadel of Dunkirk, the Fortifications of the Town being finiſh'd.

We hear that on the 12th Inſtant a Body of the Enemy's Huſſars were defeated by a Detachment which the Count de Saxe had ſent out the Night before.

Our two Armies in Alſace will go into Winter Quarters at the End of this Month. The Houſhold Troops are to return hither: The Cavalry begin to canton: The Infantry will be left in Barracks on the Rhine all the Winter.

A Body of Troops is to be ſent to the Moſelle, and another into Flanders.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, Oct. 21.

'The Spaniards being fully bent to try their Fortune in Piedmont, they ſeiz'd at firſt on the Poſt 'Chenal, as well as the Caſtle or Tower of Pont, 'without meeting with any Obſtacle, the Piedmonteze having, no doubt, retir'd in order to draw 'on the Spaniards and their 14 Battalions of Auxiliaries to their Intrenchments near Dauphin Caſtle, 'where they have been defeated with great Loſs on 'the Side of the French, the Spaniards, as 'tis pretended here, having run away firſt. It is confeſs'd that 'a Brigade of French Foot has been cut in Pieces, 'and that the Chevalier de Courten, Major General, 'Brigadier Chevort, ſome time Commandant in 'Prague, and the Colonel Marqueſs de la Force, Son-in-Law to M. Amelot, are among the Wounded. 'The Court ſtill keeps the Publick in the Dark as 'to the true Account of this Affair, which we don't 'expect but by Letters from Turin. The Spaniards 'are returning to Savoy, and the French take up 'their Quarters in Dauphine.'——If this Account did not come by the *Bruſſels Gazette* we ſhould be apt to give *entire* Credit to it.

Hague, Oct. 25. By Advices from Mentz of the 21ſt Inſtant, we hear, that the Winter Quarters of the Confederate Army are regulated as in the following Plan:

The Engliſh in Bruges, Ghent, Oſtend, and Bruſſels.

The Dutch in Mons, Aeth, Charleroy, Oudenarde, and Courtrai.

The Auſtrians in the Dutchy of Luxembourg.

The Hanoverians in Ruremonde, Tirlemont, Antwerp, Lier, and along the Diemar.

The Heſſians in Mechlin, Louvain, and Vilvorde.

LONDON.

You are always complaining, whether we give you Peace or War, is the ſtanding Sentence of every Br—— Miniſter. *You are always giving us Cauſe to complain, whether in Peace or War*, ſhould be the ſtanding Sentence of every Br—— Subject who is not a Miniſter.

We hear that *Empiric* John is preparing a very florid *Apology* for his *own Conduct*, in the *Expreſs* Stile, which he will deliver upon opening his *Stage* next Month at W—ſtm——r.

Laſt Wedneſday her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Louiſa embark'd on board the Fubbs Yatcht for Holland.

The Right Hon. the Counteſs of Albemarle, Mrs. Dives, and Mrs. Mailboom and her Daughter, attend her Royal Highneſs to Hanover.

We hear that his Royal Highneſs Prince George, eldeſt Son to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and the Prince Royal of Denmark will have two of the vacant blue Garters.

On Saturday laſt his Grace the Duke of Marlborough arriv'd at his Houſe in Piccadilly, from the Army on the Rhine. And

On Sunday his Grace the Duke of Richmond, Maſter of the Horſe to the King, arriv'd at his Houſe in Privy-Garden.

On Saturday laſt the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty appointed Capt. Legg to be Captain of the Medway, a ſixty Gun Ship; Capt. Murray to be Captain of the Hampſhire, a fifty Gun Ship; Capt. Luke to be Captain of the Hector, a forty Gun Ship; and Capt. Catford to be Captain of the Lyme, a twenty Gun Ship.

We hear that Admiral Haddock, who is perfectly recover'd from his late Indiſpoſition, will ſucceed Admiral Cavendiſh, deceas'd, as one of the Lords of the Admiralty.

The Lords of the Treaſury have appointed Mr. Temple to be Clerk of the Papers in the Court of Exchequer, in the room of Mr. Joſiah Prouſe, deceas'd.

A few Days ago George Harriſon, of Sunderland, Eſq; was married to Miſs Martha Jenkinſon, only Daughter of John Jenkinſon, of Wykham in the County of Lincoln, Eſq; a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

By Letters from Yorkſhire we are inform'd, that laſt Week Richard Aſheton, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; Brother to Sir Ralph Aſheton, Bart. was married to Miſs Aſheton, eldeſt Siſter of Ralph Aſheton, of Cuerdale in the County of Lancaſter, Eſq; at Giſburn Park, the Seat of her Uncle Thomas Liſter, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Clithero; a very agreeable Lady with a handſome Fortune.

Laſt Week was married at Morden College, Mr. Samuel Bridgman, an eminent Hardware-man in Cheapſide, to Miſs Molly Maxey of Greenwich, a Lady of incomparable Beauty and a Fortune of 4000 l.

Laſt Saturday Morning the Rev. Mr. John Ward, Fellow of Baliol College, Oxford, was married at St. George's, Hanover-Square, to Miſs Methuen of Brook-ſtreet, Groſvenor-Square, an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 5000 l.

On Saturday laſt ——— Cock, Eſq; of Camberwell, was married at St. Paul's, to Miſs Freer of Lewiſham; a Lady of Beauty, Merit, and a Fortune of 7000 l.

Sunday was married at St. Mary Whitechapel, Mr. Theodoſius Webb, a Gentleman Farmer of a conſiderable Eſtate in Eſſex, to Miſs Manners of Cambridge, a celebrated Beauty with a Fortune of 12,000 l.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight the Corpſe of the Duke of Argyle was brought to the Jeruſalem Chamber, and, after lying in State the next Day, was interr'd, about Eleven at Night, in King Henry the Seventh's Chapel in Weſtminſter-Abbey, in a Vault where the Bodies of the Duke of Marlborough, the Dutcheſs of Richmond, the Earl of Orrery, and divers other noble Peers are depoſited.

By Letters from Barbadoes we have an Account, that Capt. Finny, Commander of the Friendſhip, died at that Iſland on the 21ſt of Auguſt. He was a Perſon of good Character, and much eſteem'd by his Owners, and all that knew him.

A few Days ago died in an advanced Age, at Barleborough in Derbyſhire, Sir John Rodes, Bart. who had enjoy'd the Title ever ſince 1675: He died unmarried, whereby the Title is extinct; and the Chief of his Fortune he has left to his Nephew, Mr. Heathcote, of Cuthorp in Derbyſhire.

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On Saturday died, after a long Illneſs, at his Houſe in Budge-Row, Mr. Peter Fonnereau, an eminent Merchant, and Brother to Thomas Fonnereau, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Sudbury.

Monday Morning died, at his Houſe in Cowley-Street, Weſtminſter, the Rev. Mr. Timms, one of the Minor Canons of St. Paul's and Weſtminſter Abbey.

The Rev. Mr. Evans ſucceeds the above Gentleman in the Choir of Weſtminſter-Abbey, and Mr. Baily in that of St. Paul's.

Monday died, at Newington in Middleſex, Mr. Graham, an eminent and wealthy Hambourg Merchant of this City.

A few Days ago the Lord Biſhop of Lincoln appointed the Rev. Mr. Bernard Lewis, M. A. and Chaplain to the Earl of Carliſle, to be Commiſſary of Leiceſter, in the room of Mr. Frederick Reynolds, deceas'd.

His Grace the Duke of Somerſet has preſented the Rev. Mr. Wiggan, one of his Grace's Chaplains, to the Rectory of Petworth in Suſſex, void by the Death of the laſt Incumbent.

Laſt Week a Diſpenſation paſs'd the Seals to enable the Rev. William Foding, M. A. Chaplain to the Earl of Aylesbury, to hold the Rectory of Dean, in the County of Northamp on; together with the Rectory of Achurch and Thorpe Waterville, in the ſaid County.

Laſt Week the Rev. John Swinton, M. A. and Fellow of Wadham College in Oxford, was collated by the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of St. Aſaph to a Prebend in his Cathedral.

Monday Meſſ. Cook, Smith and Arnold, with ſome others belonging to the Cuſtom-Houſe, ſeiz'd a Higgler's Cart and two Horſes, loaded with Tea, at Clapham, after a ſtout Reſiſtance, which they convey'd to the Cuſtom-Houſe.

Tueſday Meſſ. Miers, Elliott, and Dell, Officers of the Exciſe in the London Brewery, ſeiz'd a large Quantity of Tea at a Houſe in Bunhill-Fields, which they convey'd to the Exciſe-Office: To prevent a Diſcovery the Smugglers had artfully conceal'd the Tea in Cheſts, &c.

Laſt Saturday Evening Mr. Digney, a Cuſtom-houſe Officer, who liv'd in the Little Sanctuary, Weſtminſter, fell over-board from a French Trader that lay near Horſlydown, and was drown'd: He has left a Wife and two Children.

Monday Morning a Fire happen'd at Mr. Knight's in Little Diſtaff-Lane near St. Paul's, which burnt the upper Part of the Houſe, occaſion'd by a Bricklayer, who is ſuppos'd to be out of his Senſes, ſetting Fire to the Garret where he lodg'd. He was taken before the Sitting Alderman, who order'd him to be taken Care of till he was properly paſs'd to the Pariſh he belongs to.

Monday a Barge laden with Coals was ſunk by running foul of the Draw-Lock at London-Bridge, by which Accident the Bargeman was loſt, tho' all poſſible Endeavours were uſed to ſave him.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight, juſt after the Play, a notorious Pickpocket was brought before Col. De Veil, and upon his being ſearch'd ſeveral Handkerchiefs were found in his Breeches, and as Mr. De Veil had Intelligence brought him that a great Number of his Gang were waiting to reſcue him, he thought it was ſafer to ſend him to the Round-houſe of Covent-Garden, than to attempt to commit him to a remote Gaol, and the ſaid Pickpocket was accordingly carried there, whoſe Name is George Pottbury; but tho' at ſo ſmall a Diſtance from the Colonel's Houſe, four Soldiers of the Playhouſe Guard, and ſeveral Conſtables that accompanied him there, were extremely wounded by his Accomplices, who threw Brickbats and Stones in a furious Manner at them: He was committed on Saturday Morning to Tothill-fields Bridewell.

Laſt Sunday Night Mr. Monk, of the Navy-Office, was attack'd by a ſingle Highwayman at Peckham-Gap, who robb'd him of his Watch and 14 Guineas in Gold, beſides ſome Silver: The Fellow thank'd him for his Booty, and told him he ſhould be glad to meet him again on ſuch an Errand, and then rode off.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight the Seſſions ended at the Old Baily, when the two following Malefactors receiv'd Sentence of Death, viz.

Abraham Paſs, a Jew, who was an Evidence the Seſſions before againſt Richard Clay, for Houſe-breaking.

Chriſtopher Smith (a German Gentleman) for ſtealing a Purſe with a Sum of Money, the Property of James Fitzgerald, Eſq; in the Dwelling-houſe of Auguſtine Copelan.

At Six on Thurſday Evening came on, before Mr. Baron Reynolds, and Mr. Serjeant Urlin, Recorder of London, the Trial of Maſter Chetwynd, a little Boy, for the Murder of Maſter Ricketts, his School-fellow; the Counſel for the Proſecution were, Mr. Serjeant Wynne, Mr. Morton, Mr. Areſkine, and Mr. Purcas; and for the Priſoner, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Legg, Mr. Hume, Mr. Haſell and Mr. Stracey: The Trial laſted 'till after Twelve, when the Court recommended it to the Jury to find a Special Verdict, which they agreed to.

The Court adjourn'd to Wedneſday the 7th of December next.

Yesterday the two following Malefactors, condemn'd at a former Sessions, were executed at Tyburn, viz.

James Hanns, for a Robbery on Hounslow-Heath.

And Joseph Lewin, for returning from Transportation.

Mary Stansbury, for robbing Capt. Morgan in her House in Hanging-Sword-Alley, who was to have suffer'd with the other two, is reprieved for a Fortnight.

Their Excellencies were pleased to reprieve the other four, in order for Transportation for fourteen Years, viz.

William Brown, for picking Mr. Tracy's Pocket as he came out of Covent-Garden Playhouse.

Richard Warwick, John Bunn, and Joseph Leach, for robbing James Fennel, a Taylor, near Rag-Fair.

By the late Treaty between the Queen of Hungary and the King of Sardinia, the former yields to the latter all that Part of the Milanese on this Side the Ticino, as also the Plaisantin, as far as Nurra, together with the Right of redeeming Final from the Genoese. His Sardinian Majesty, on the other hand, disclaims all further Pretensions, and guaranties the Pramatick Sanction.

The Counties of Oldenbourg and Delmenhorst lie so happily contiguous to the Dutchy of Bremen, and so distant from any Part of the Succession of either Branch of the House of Holstein, that it is natural to ask, on the projected Exchange in the North, Whether the Princes of that Family act as *Principals*, or only as *Brokers?*

By Letters from Jamaica we have Advice, that his Majesty's Ship the Lively had taken two Prizes; the one a Polacco Ship laden with Cochineal and Cocoa, besides 4000 Pieces of Eight; the other a Spanish Bark laden with Powder and other Ammunition, both bound to Carthagena; which he carried into Antigua, where he is station'd.

The Polacco Ship, taken by the Eltham Man of War between Porto Rico and Spanish Town, valu'd at 100,000 l. has been condemn'd as a legal Capture in the West-Indies; the Prize to the Captors amounts to 70 l. a Man.

A few Days since a Court of Admiralty was held at Doctors Commons, before Sir Henry Penrice, when the Santa Rosa Centuria Prize, taken by his Majesty's Ship the Romney, was condemn'd as a legal Capture: She is esteem'd worth 100,000 l.

The Merchants have agreed to fit out ten Privateers, and to consist of three of 16, four of 20, and three of 30 Guns, with Men answerable; who are to have Letters of Mark, and to sail immediately for the West-Indies; some of whom are taking in Goods for that Purpose.

The Algerine Rovers have taken two Spanish Privateers in the Streights Mouth, one of whom carry'd 60 and the other 50 Men, and conducted them into Algiers.

Extract of a Letter from Pool, Oct. 12.

'The Thomas and Mary of this Port, Pike, bound 'for Newfoundland to Oporto, was taken the 29th 'of August, about five Leagues from Villa-ducunda, by a Privateer belonging to St. Sebastian's, 'of 24 Oars, 4 Guns, 34 Men, and Small-Arms in 'Proportion.——I am told by Capt. Pike, that 'the Privateer attack'd him at One o'Clock in 'the Afternoon, and did him Abundance of Damage, 'for lying under his Stern, every Shot raked him 'fore-and-aft, and wounded one of his Men, tho' 'not mortally. He defended himself for more than 'two Hours, kill'd two, and wounded three of the 'Spaniards. Then the Privateer fell a-stern, beyond 'the reach of his Guns; but in a little Time return'd 'to the Attack, and boarded him with upwards of '20 Men. It continuing calm his Majesty's Ship 'the Wolf could not come to his Assistance; so 'that the next Morning he was carry'd into La'guonda in Galicia.

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